Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A layout system with order-placement capability for performing layout, comprising:

layout section ~~for performing~~that performs layout; ~~and~~

layout order placing section ~~for placing~~that places an order for layout on the basis of a layout result produced by said layout ~~section.~~ section; and

user operation input section that inputs user operations, wherein said layout section performs layout according to operations inputted through said user operation input section, and said layout order placing section generates order data including an operation log information indicating the log of operations inputted through said user operation input section and the layout result produced by said layout section and sending said generated order data to a vendor together with an order request.

2-6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) The layout system with order-placement capability according to claim 1, wherein said layout system is communicably connected to a matching system for matching an order request with a designer, and said layout order placing section generates order data including a layout result produced by said layout section and sends said generated order data to said matching system together with an order request.

8. (Currently Amended) The layout system with order-placement capability according to claim 1, further comprising layout evaluating section ~~for evaluating~~that evaluates a layout result produced by said layout section.

9. (Original) The layout system with order-placement capability according to claim 8, wherein:

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said layout evaluating section evaluates a layout result produced by said layout section and, depending on the result of the evaluation, requests said layout order placing section to place an order for layout; and

said layout order placing section places an order for layout on the basis of a layout result produced by said layout section if said layout order placing section is requested to place an order for layout.

10.   (Previously Presented) The layout system with order-placement capability according to claim 8, wherein an order condition can be set in said layout system and said layout evaluating section evaluate a layout result produced by said layout section and, if the result of the evaluation meets said order condition, requests said layout order placing section to place an order for layout.

11.   (Previously Presented) The layout system with order-placement capability according to claim 8, wherein said layout evaluating section presents said evaluation result to a user and, if placement of an order for layout is approved by said user, requests said layout order placing section to place said order for layout.

12.   (Previously Presented) The layout system with order-placement capability according to claim 1, wherein:

said layout order placing section places an order for layout on the basis of a layout result produced by said layout section by using one of a plurality of ordering system that is specified by the user.

13.   (Currently Amended) A layout A computer-readable recording media that records the layout program with order-placement capability for performing layout that causes a computer to perform processing implemented as layout section for performing layout andthat performs layout, layout order placing section for placingthat places an order for layout depending on a layout result produced by said layout section. section; and

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_____ user operation input section that inputs user operations, wherein said layout section performs layout according to operations inputted through said user operation input section, and said layout order placing section generates order data including an operation log information indicating the log of operations inputted through said user operation input section and the layout result produced by said layout section and sending said generated order data to a vendor together with an order request.

14.   (Currently Amended) A layout method for performing layout, comprising the steps of:

performing layout; ~~and~~

placing an order for layout depending on a layout result produced in said step of performing ~~layout.~~layout, and inputting user operations, wherein said performing step performs layout according to operations inputted through said inputting step, and said placing step -generates order data including an operation log information indicating the log of operations inputted through said inputting step and the layout result produced by said performing step and sending said generated order data to a vendor together with an order request.